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Applicant: Losio et al.
Title: Support Structure for a Vehicle
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Submitted herewith on a modified Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to applicants in order to comply with applicant's duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR §§1.97-1.98.

Additionally, a copy of a PCT Search Report for International Appl. No. PCT /US 01/24164 is also enclosed. This International Application corresponds to the present application. Copies of the references cited in the Report are enclosed and listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Further, English language translations of Foreign Patent Documents DE 303177 and IT 00232876 are enclosed.

The submission of any document herewith is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56(b).

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TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The instant Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing of the first action on the merits. Accordingly, no fee is believed due for this submission. In the event such a fee is due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge my deposit account no. 50-1434 in the amount of such fee. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to the above identified deposit account.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application. Applicants also request that an initialed copy of form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Respectfully submitted,

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		2,931,286	9/13/56	Fry, Sr., et al.			
		3,514, 156	5/26/70	Fields			
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		4,290,644	9/22/81	Hu et al.			
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		5,203,607	4/20/93	Landi			
		5,725,274	3/10/00	Bergmeister			
		5,902,014	5/11/99	Dinkel et al.			
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	EU 0909677 A1	4/21/99	Daimler-Chrysler				
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